

Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents

What a magical week at Jerry Clay!

This week has been truly magical! Reception class performed 'Whoops a daisy angel' with absolute confidence and really did SHINE on the stage. Their happy faces & singing with such happiness, really was a great memory to take away at Christmas time.



I am so incredibly grateful for the hard work and dedication that our team put in day in and day out and no less than at Christmas time to make it such a memorable and special time in the academy. Yesterday it was fabulous to celebrate one of our members of staff – Mrs. Armstrong. As you will all know Mrs. Armstrong works in breakfast club, is a reading volunteer and is a lunch time supervisor. Mrs. Armstrong turned 80 yesterday and to mark this occasion we presented

her with a cake a gift in assembly, followed by some spectacular dance performances. What an amazing lady she is! We are so grateful for everything she does for our academy.

With only 4 days to go, we do have a lot of Christmas events fit in. We look forward to welcoming you all to our 'Carols around the tree' event on Monday at 3.30pm & the Year 1 & 2 performance next week.

With kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher



Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic start to the Christmas celebrations this year! Next week is another busy week. Please see a list of events below. We look forward to seeing you there:



Please note that at the Christmas Carols on Monday, the PTA will be selling hot chocolate, mince pies and soup. There will also be a Christmas game and a raffle!

Also at the event, there will be a Christmas jumper swap as way to help the environment with less waste and for those who can't always afford to buy new ones. There will be a rail up on the day for people to bring and swap.

Kind regards,
Mr Palin

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Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 18h

A fantastic Junior Leader lunchtime club for Art led by Oliver & Bethany. The levels of empowerment & confidence demonstrated by our Junior Leaders was amazing! #Enrichment #JCAJuniorLeaders #JCAArt



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 18h

A lovely morning spent with the families of our youngest children watching their performance of 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel'. The children were so happy and confident on the stage performing to their audience #proud #JCChristmas



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 10 Dec

Year 1 used their maths and science skills today to create their own rain gauges. They measured using rulers and then put them in our outdoor area ready to record the rainfall. We will be checking on them at the end of the week! #JCAMaths #JCAScience #TeamworkTuesday #recycling



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 11h

Reception class have been measuring, sorting and comparing the size of Babushka's presents for baby Jesus. They also created their own rulers to measure the King's castle #EYFS #JCAMaths @WhiteRose



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Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h
What fantastic performances this afternoon from Reception, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6! They shared the outcomes from their dance units. Perseverance, team work, communication & risk taking on display in abundance!
#Strivingtobethebestwecanbe



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h
It was so special to celebrate Mrs Armstrong's 80th birthday with the whole academy today. What an amazing lady! We followed this with a whole school dance medley to celebrate #Celebration



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h
Tick tock! Look at the creative clocks designed and made by our KS2 DT club with @heppdt - Excellent end products! #JCADT #JACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 15h
Year 2 braced the bitterly breeze outside today to solve real life money problems using our place value skills! We communicated our steps to success with our partner and worked really well as a team!
@WhiteRoseMaths #JCAMaths #edutwitter #teamworkmakethedreamwork



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h
Year 3 showed fantastic perseverance this afternoon in the wind and rain to measure the length and width of the Titanic #JCAOutdoorlearning #JACurriculum #Titanic #measuring



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 16h
Year 4 have enjoyed an Anglo Saxon Feast around the fire before sharing hero stories. We reflected on how Ancient Greek myths have inspired hero stories ever since. #JACurriculum #JCAOutdoorlearning #



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Reception Nativity

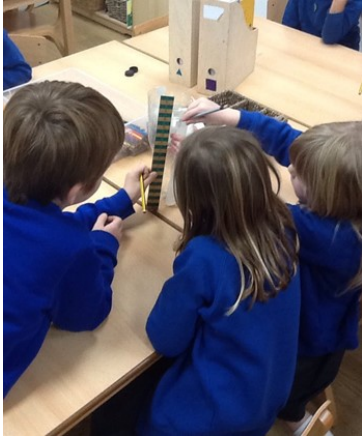


We were amazed with our Reception children who performed their Nativity 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' on Wednesday and Thursday this week. They performed with such confidence and positivity! Well done and thank you everyone involved!

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

The last two weeks have been exciting in Year 1. We have been working really hard on our Nativity which is going very well and they cannot wait for their performances on Tuesday and Wednesday.



We have been publishing our Jack and the Beanstalk stories in Literacy, changing parts of the story to make it their own. We have titles such as 'Joanne and the Carrot' and 'James and the Broccoli'. They have enjoyed making the story their own and included so much descriptive vocabulary - so impressive!



In Maths we are focussing on subtraction. We have been very active with kicking away footballs and then writing the number sentence to match. We have use part whole models as well as number lines to help with this. The children are really engaged with this and are impressing me so much with how well they have grasped this concept.

We have been carrying on our Maths skills in Science creating rain gauges, measuring and recording onto bottles so we could track the amount of rainfall. The children put them in our outdoor area and are excited to see how much rain is collected next week.

Year 2



The last two weeks have been full of festivities for Year 2! We have performed our Christmas Music Concert to the whole school to show case our work in Music this term. We have also continued working incredibly hard with Year One on our Nativity performance ready for the performances next week! We cannot wait for you to see it!

In Literacy, we have been critiquing a diary entry and planning out our features and ideas so that we can create our own diary entries in role as a coal miner. We have been really striving to reflect and up-level our writing by considering our choice of our vocabulary, similes and alliteration and what effect it will have on our reader.



In Maths, we have continued our work on 'money'. We have enjoyed applying our understanding of the value of coins and notes with our place value skills to help us solve tricky two step problems in a real life context.

Year 1 and 2 Christmas party – Thursday 19th December afternoon

Please can the children bring party clothes in a named bag to change into. Contributions of crisps, biscuits or popcorn are welcome.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks finishing off our topic surrounding the Titanic. We have completed an outdoor learning afternoon where we measured the size of the ship, pretended to be passengers and crew and designed our own lifeboats. In Literacy, we have continued to think about the Titanic where we have been taking on the role of a news reporter to interview surviving passengers before writing a newspaper report on the disaster of the Titanic.



In Maths, we have largely focussed on deepening or reasoning and problem solving skills when answering a range of addition and subtraction, multiplying and dividing and place value questions.



Finally in Geography, we have been using atlases to locate continents and oceans before plotting the route of the Titanic and identifying the significance of this.

Year 4

Year 4 have finished the story of Beowulf and written a diary entry in role as a slave who disturbed the Death Dragon of the Deep, slumbering on its hoard of treasure with terrible consequences. We used complex sentences to add detail and empathised with the slave. In conclusion to our Hero's Journey theme, we have started to reflect that all hero stories have been inspired by the Ancient Greek hero myths.



We used our thinking skills to ask who was the greatest hero of all time and to look for similarities between all the different hero stories we know. Yesterday we took our learning outside and enjoyed an Anglo Saxon feast of stew and bread around the fire. It went down really well with Year 4 overall. Evie was heard to say "This is better than I thought!"

Just like Anglo Saxon warriors we shared our hero stories after the feast. We will be finishing by recording TED talks about Hero stories to inform and inspire others.



In Maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 and also to show multiplication and division using arrays. In RE, we continued our learning about different beliefs about God by finding out about the Islamic Pillars of Faith and the 99 names that Muslims have for Allah.

IMPORTANT

Thursday 16th January—5pm. Year 4 Times Tables Check Information Meeting

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5



The past fortnight has been both festive and busy for Year 5. It started last Monday with our End of WWII celebration at the Village Hall where we enjoyed sharing lots of our learning with our families. It was great to culminate our food technology project by baking for everyone and receiving lovely feedback about our tasty treats! We have evaluated our project now and were pleased with its successes.

Since then we have been working on writing an engaging diary entry in Literacy about VE day. These are coming along really well and we are enjoying writing more informally about the experience! On Friday 6th December, we were joined by The National Holocaust Centre for a very interesting workshop

where we found out more about the life of Jewish people in Nazi Germany, including refugees enrolled in the Kindertransport programme. It was a very thought provoking day and the children worked with a lot of care and consideration.



Year 6

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for Year 6! We have been learning about decimals and percentages and linking these to fractions. We have used these in real life situations, looking at decreases in sales and discount percentages.

In Writing, we have been finalising our newspaper reports based on the Egyptian Cinderella. We have also been working hard to complete our

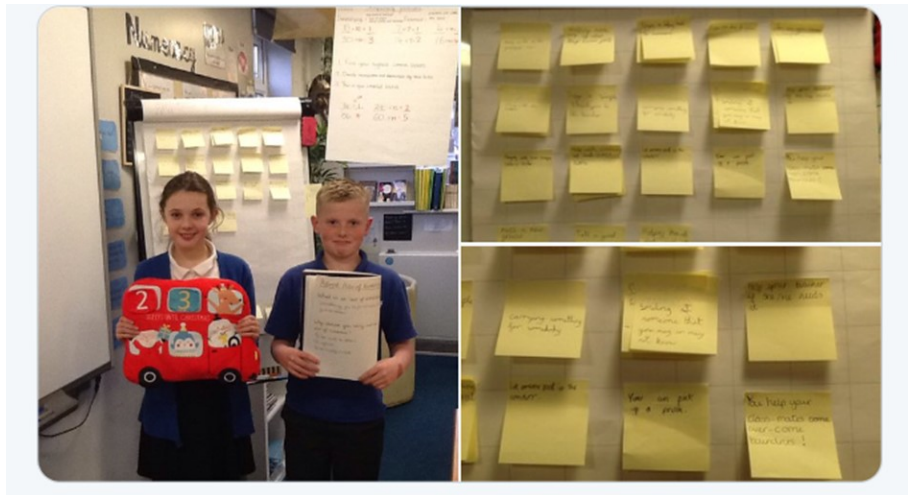
fantastic group dance during our P.E sessions with Miss Hoyte. This is themed around our learning about Egyptian afterlife and we have worked so hard on our timing, strength and teamwork!

During December we have been carrying out our 'Advent Acts of Kindness'. These have included actions such as smiling at another person, giving a compliment and playing with somebody new. We also created our recycled Christmas tree decorations and enjoyed hanging these on our trees!

Important dates:

SATS meeting for parents: Thursday 23rd January 2020 5pm

Y6 boosters start beginning of January.







Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

We are hoping that in the new term, our attendance improves significantly! Please help to work alongside us to improve attendance!

Class	Last week	Year to date
Reception	97.67% 	97.07%
Year 1	93.67%	97.50%
Year 2	99.33%	98.06%
Year 3	91.67%	96.94%
Year 4	95.48%	93.71% 
Year 5	92.67%	95.26%
Year 6	96.77%	98.07%

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 96.65%

Dates for your diary

INSET DAYS

Friday 20th December

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Parents Evenings

24/3/20 and 26/3/20 – Parents evenings

Reports

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

10/7/20 – End of year reports

Theme Days/Weeks

5/03/20 - World Book Day

wc 30/3/20 – Literature week

3/4/20 – Book Fest

wc18/05/20- Creative Arts week

Performances

16/12/19 – Christmas carols around the tree

17/12/19 (pm) and 18/12/19 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

17/06/20- Art gallery evening

07/07/20 & 9/07/20– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 13/7/20 – Celebration week

Sports Day

26/6/20

Summer Fair

25/6/20 (TBC)